

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hickory was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Tony Wood	Hank Guess	David L. Williams
	Aldermen	David P. Zagaroli
Danny Seaver		Jill Patton

A quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Warren Wood, Deputy City Manager Rodney Miller, Assistant City Manager Rick Beasley, Deputy City Attorney Arnita Dula, City Attorney John W. Crone, III, Deputy City Clerk Crystal B. Mundy and City Clerk Debbie D. Miller

- I. Mayor Guess called the meeting to order. All Council members were present except for Alderwoman Williams.
- II. Invocation by Pastor Ginny Wright, The Fellowship 1.3
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A. Presentation of a Proclamation for National Police Week 2022.

Mayor Guess asked staff from Hickory Police Department to the podium. Mayor Guess commented the City's Police Department far exceeds everything that they could ever expect of them here in the City of Hickory and asked them to please pass that along to the other members of the Police Department, not only the sworn officers, but also the civilian employees as well. He wanted them to know how much they appreciated the job they do each and every day. He commented it was a 24/7 job and a lot of times they were the first face to the community. He wanted to take this time and opportunity to recognize them, not just today, but each and every day for the job they do in the community. Mayor Guess recognized this as National Police Week. He noted they had a cookout today and again tomorrow for the community and the law enforcement agencies in the area. Mayor Guess read and presented the Proclamation for National Police Week 2022. Photos were taken of the group.

Chief Thurman Whisnant asked the officers to introduce themselves. Officer Cameron Beal, Officer Jake Hall, Officer Gage Davis, and Deputy Chief Reed Baer introduced themselves.

Chief Thurman Whisnant advised he had sent an email out to staff; he had read some statistics and last year unfortunately was the deadliest year that they had ever seen with deaths in law enforcement. A lot of that was due to Covid. It was a very volatile time, and they see less and less people that want to do the job. They were very blessed here. Without question, he believed that in Hickory they had the finest citizens and the finest group of men and women that have service bars that look forward everyday to coming and serving.

- B. Presentation of a Proclamation for National American Public Works Week.

Mayor Guess asked Public Works Director Steve Miller and the staff from Public Services to the podium. Mayor Guess commented he had a proclamation to present, and he wanted to say a few words about their service to the community as well. It was National American Public Works week as well. The City's public services coworkers also worked 24/7 and a lot of times, he knew it to be true, he could say this because he was a Police Officer, a lot of times the folks that were in public services may not get the same recognition and the same attention that the police officers and firefighters get because obviously they were out there in the uniform, and they were perhaps more noticeable. That does not take away anything from the service that they provide each and every day. As a matter of fact, those types of services the citizens depend on just as much, if not more than what they do from some of the other departments. He knew that a lot of times perhaps that does not get recognized as much as it should. Not only that, but at least for the past year or so, the public services staff had been working shorthanded as a lot of the other departments had been also. He thought probably that public services perhaps were more short-handed than any other department within the City.

City Manager Warren Wood confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Guess commented not only were they working under those type of staffing conditions, but they had not noticed any services that they had not been able to provide from the public services coworkers. He commended them for that, and he hoped those that were representing the public services coworkers would take that back to the rest of them and let them know how much they appreciated the job that they do each and every day. Mayor Guess advised they had a proclamation for public services and recognizing National American Public Works Week. He read and presented the Proclamation to the public services staff members in attendance. Photos were taken.

Public Works Director Steve Miller asked everyone to introduced themselves. Construction Project Manager Will Hamblin, Civil Engineer Sam Abernathy, Solid Waste Manager Andrew Ballentine, and Solid Waste Supervisor Lewis Berry introduced themselves. He thanked the Mayor for the kind words. As a whole those guys work very hard and make them all look good. He commented he did not do a lot, he just got out of the way, and let them do what they do. He appreciated it.

Mayor Guess commented that was not exactly true when he said he did not do a lot. He advised that Public Works Director Steve Miller did a lot, and they appreciated his leadership and the whole team.

V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of May 3, 2022.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the Minutes of May 3, 2022 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli that the following be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A. Budget Revision Number 20. (First Reading Vote: Unanimous)

VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.

City Manager Warren Wood asked that Item "F" be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Mayor Guess approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item "F". The motion carried unanimously.

A. Called for a Public Hearing for Consideration of the City Manager's FY2022-2023 Recommended Budget. (Authorized Public Hearing for June 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

B. Called for a Public Hearing for Consideration of the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation of Property Owned by BV 211, LLC, Containing 1.35 Acres, Located at 2906 Springs Road NE, PIN 3723-10-37-0072. (Authorized Public Hearing for June 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

RESOLUTION NO. 22-24

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE A PETITION RECEIVED UNDER G.S. 160A-31 AND/OR 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition from BV 211, LLC requesting annexation of an area described in a petition was received on May 5, 2022, by the City Council of the City of Hickory; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 160A-31 and G.S. 160A-58.1 provide that the sufficiency of the petition shall be investigated by the Clerk before further annexation proceedings may take place; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory deems it advisable to proceed in response to this request for annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

THAT, the Clerk is hereby directed to investigate the sufficiency of the above-described petition and to certify as soon as possible to the City Council the result of her investigation.

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

I, Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein, in accordance with G.S. 160A-31 and/or G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended:

Property of BV 211, LLC, containing 1.35 acres more or less, located at 2906 Springs Road NE, and identified as PIN 3723-10-37-0072.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Hickory this 5th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Debbie D. Miller, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 22-25

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION,
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31 OR G.S. 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory has, by Resolution, directed the clerk to investigate the sufficiency thereof; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Clerk as to the sufficiency of said petition has been made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

Section 1: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.

Section 2: The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Property of BV 211, LLC, containing 1.35 acres more or less, located at 2906 Springs Road NE, and identified as PIN 3723-10-37-0072.

Section 3: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in The Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-26

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE INTENT TO ANNEX INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HICKORY CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY BV 211, LLC AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SAME

WHEREAS, BV 211, LLC is the owner of certain real property as described herein, which property is located at 2906 Springs Road NE, and identified as PIN 3723-10-37-0072, containing 1.35 acres more or less; and

WHEREAS, such property is currently located in the City's extra-territorial jurisdictional (ETJ); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex such property into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory as authorized by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-31; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hickory City Council, sitting in open session this 17th day of May 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of said Council, duly called and posted in accordance with the statutes of the State of North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1: That the Hickory City Council does determine that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and well-being of the residents of the City of Hickory to annex the property described hereinafter into the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.

Section 2: That a public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.

Section 3: The same being that property reflected on map entitled BV 211, LLC, Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 1 Current City Boundary, subject property outlined in red; BV 211, LLC Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 2, 2021 Aerial Photography, subject property outlined in red; BV 211 LLC Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Map 3, Current Zoning, subject property outlined in red.

Section 4: Notice of said public hearing shall be published in The Hickory Daily Record, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Hickory, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of said public hearing.

- C. Certificate of Sufficiency and Approved the Preliminary Resolution Relative to Street Improvements for Curb and Gutter along a Portion of 6th Avenue Drive NW, Petition Number 22-02. (Authorized Public Hearing for June 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building).

RESOLUTION NO. 22-27

PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY
(NO. 22-02)

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of May 2022, property owners of 623 8th Street Drive NW, Hickory, filed with the City Engineer of the City of Hickory a petition for improving said street by placing and constructing thereon curb and gutter according to plans and specifications on file in the Office of the City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to this Board that said petition is sufficient in all respects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY:

1. That the above-mentioned petition is found to be sufficient in all respects.
 2. That, that portion of 6th Avenue Drive NW, Hickory be improved by placing and constructing thereon curb and gutter in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the Office of the City Engineer under and by virtue of Chapter 160A, Article 10 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and that said improvements be done by the City of Hickory or by contract after due notice and advertisement for bids, as outlined by Chapter 143, Section 129 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
 3. That 50 percent of the total cost of the said improvements may be assessed against the property receiving the improvement for constructing curb and gutter \$28.50 per linear foot for a total of 182 per linear foot excluding driveway cuts
 4. That the assessment herein provided for shall be payable in cash, or if the property owners shall so elect, in accordance with Chapter 160A, Sections 232 and 233 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, they shall have the option and privilege of paying the assessment in five (5) equal annual installments, to bear interest at the rate of 8 percent per annum.
 5. That a public hearing on all matters covered by this resolution shall be held on June 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina.
- D. Approved the Issuance of a Pyrotechnic Display Permit to Starfire Pyrotechnics for a Fireworks Display at Hickory Motor Speedway on June 11, 2022, (Rain Date June 12, 2022).

Staff requests approval to issue a pyrotechnic display permit to Starfire Pyrotechnics for fireworks display at the Hickory Motor Speedway for the June 11, 2022, rain date June 11, 2022. Frank Terzino Jr., owner of Starfire Pyrotechnics, submitted a request to obtain permission to conduct public fireworks displays. The North Carolina Fire Code requires an operational permit for the use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material. The Hickory Fire Department Fire & Life Safety Division shall review all required documentation for the event, including Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm's (ATF) License, Operator and Assistant Operators Permits from North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal (NCOSFM), Site Plan, and the one-million-dollar liability insurance policy. The Fire & Life Safety Division will also inspect the pyrotechnics display area before the event to ensure compliance with NCOSFM Guidelines, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, and NFPA 1126 Use of Pyrotechnics

Before a Proximate Audience (if applicable). Staff recommends approval of the issuance of the pyrotechnics display permit.

E. Approved a Grant Application for the 2022 Bulletproof Vest Program.

Hickory Police Department requests permission to apply for a grant to assist in funding the purchase of bulletproof vests for police officers. The City of Hickory will receive up to 50% reimbursement for each vest purchased. Since 1999, the Bulletproof Vest Grant program has provided an opportunity for law enforcement agencies to apply for a grant to receive up to 50% funding on the purchase of ballistic vests. In order to be eligible, the agency must have a policy in effect making it mandatory for uniformed officers to wear the vests while on duty. Hickory Police Department has the mandatory wear policy in effect and has been a recipient of this grant for numerous years. Monies are placed in the police department budget uniform line item annually to purchase vests for police officers. Life expectancy of each vest is approximately five years. The Police Department would recommend the submission of this grant to receive up to 50% funding to purchase bulletproof vests for police officers. Notification to apply was sent by email April 28, 2022. The due date to apply by is June 27, 2022.

F. This Item was Moved to Departmental Reports, Discussed and Approved. Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Pete Nappier, Owner of Samurai Institute in the Amount of \$4,000.

Staff request approval of a microenterprise grant agreement with Pete Nappier of Samurai Institute. In its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This includes a program to provide microenterprise grants to businesses looking for funding necessary to take their business to the next level. The 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan has \$5,000 allocated towards assistance for entrepreneurial activities with another \$25,000 remaining from previous plan years. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, a microenterprise is a business that has fewer than five employees, one of whom is the owner of the business. The program offers grants of up to \$4,000 for low to moderate income business owners for business property, inventory, necessary fixed assets, marketing and business promotion, or other improvements approved by the Business Development Committee. Applicants are required to submit a business plan and have a counseling session with a local business support organization. Pete Nappier has applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and enhance his start-up business Samurai Institute. The Samurai Institute is a dojo and martial arts school that offers a variety of classes for all ages but specifically in martial arts training for children and teens. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of the grant in the amount of \$4,000. The grant funds will be used to purchase new portable mats that will enhance both the current location at Foothills Gymnastics and Mr. Nappier's opportunities to teach in other locations. Staff recommends Council's approval of the Microenterprise Grant agreement with Pete Nappier.

G. Approved the Citizens' Advisory Committee Recommendations for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs.

The following applicants were considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on May 5, 2022.

- Debra Ikard, 565 9th Avenue Dr. SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed \$25,000.00 for repairs to her house. Assistance would be in the form of a 0% interest deferred loan.
- Roslyn Lavan, 923 4th Street Pl. SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed \$25,000.00 for repairs to her house. Assistance would be in the form of a 0% interest deferred loan.
- Gerlean Robinson, 1171 2nd Street SE, Hickory, was recommended for approval of a Housing Rehabilitation Loan. The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval for assistance not to exceed \$25,000.00 for repairs to her house. Assistance would be in the form of a 0% interest deferred loan.
- Gerlean Robinson, 1171 2nd St. SE, Hickory – up to \$10,000.00 under the City of Hickory's 2021 Urgent Repair Program.
- Marilyn Deal, 2024 10th Street Pl. NW, Hickory- up to \$10,000.00 under the City of Hickory's 2021 Urgent Repair Program.

Funds are budgeted for these items through the City of Hickory's former Housing Rehabilitation Program income received in FY 2021 and/or program income received through the City of Hickory's Community Development Block Grant Program. The

Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned requests for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.

- H. Approved a Professional Services Agreement Proposal with WK Dickson & Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$232,000, Plus Permit Fees, for Trivium East Road Widening and Traffic Signal Design Project.

Staff requests Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement proposal with WK Dickson & Co., Inc., in the amount of \$232,000, plus permit fees, for Trivium East road widening and traffic signal design project. Trivium Corporate Center is the business park recognized in the Bond projects to receive money from bond proceeds for development. The City, County and EDC have worked on development of the project to a condition that is receptive to marketing. As the original Trivium site has been successful and only 3 lots remain, the partnership has purchased additional properties to expand the success of the business park. This phase of the project will consist of the main entrance and access for the business park. This will include road widening on Startown Road and traffic signal design along with all associated work. NCDOT standards will be followed for the widening of Startown Road. Included in this project is the design of a 12" watermain into the park to serve the future businesses. This agreement will be from design through bidding, construction, and closeout with an expected duration of 150-days for design and permitting. Cost will be split 50/50 with Catawba County. Staff recommends Council's approval of a Professional Services Agreement proposal with WK Dickson & Co., Inc., in the amount of \$232,000, plus permit fees, for Trivium East road widening and traffic signal design project.

- I. Approved the North Carolina Department of Transportation Grant Agreement in the Amount of \$98,995 for the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration Project.

Staff requests City Council's approval of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Grant Agreement for the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration (Design) project in the amount of \$98,995. Hickory Regional Airport currently has a mass intersection where four taxiways (Taxiway A, A3, B, and W) intersect at the same point. Due to the proximity of the intersection to Runway 1-19 and Runway 6-24, the intersection can be difficult to navigate and can cause confusion with pilots. During the most recent Part 139 Inspection, which is completed by the FAA to ensure Hickory Regional Airport meets the requirements for commercial service operations, the FAA Inspector notified the Airport that this intersection needs modifications to improve safety. With the anticipated closure of Runway 1-19, this project will include the design phase to reconfigure the intersection to improve safety and be more user friendly for pilots navigating the airfield. This reconfiguration will include the conversion of Runway 1-19 to a taxiway, demolition of a portion of Taxiway B, and the relocation of direct runway access taxiways at Taxiway S, Taxiway A2 and Taxiway A3 so the airport configuration meets the current FAA regulations. By letter dated May 4, 2022, the NCDOT approved the City's request for aid. This particular grant will utilize Federal grant funds for a total project cost of \$98,995, Federal share \$89,095 and local share \$9,900. Staff recommends approval of the NCDOT Grant Agreement for the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration project in the amount of \$98,995.

- J. Approved the Work Authorization with Talbert, Bright & Ellington in the Amount of \$98,994.40 for the Design of the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration Project.

Staff requests City Council's approval of the Talbert, Bright & Ellington, Inc. (TBE) Work Authorization for the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration (Design) project in the amount of \$98,994.40. Hickory Regional Airport currently has a mass intersection where four (4) taxiways (Taxiway A, A3, B, and W) intersect at the same point. Due to the proximity of the intersection to Runway 1-19 and Runway 6-24, the intersection can be difficult to navigate and can cause confusion with pilots. During the most recent Part 139 Inspection, which is completed by the FAA to ensure Hickory Regional Airport meets the requirements for commercial service operations, the FAA Inspector notified the Airport that this intersection needs modifications to improve safety. With the anticipated closure of Runway 1-19, this project will include the design phase to reconfigure the intersection to improve safety and be more user friendly for pilots navigating the airfield. This reconfiguration will include the conversion of Runway 1-19 to a taxiway, demolition of a portion of Taxiway B, and the relocation of direct runway access taxiways at Taxiway S, Taxiway A2 and Taxiway A3 so the airport configuration meets the current FAA regulations. By email notification dated April 19, 2022, the North Carolina Division of Aviation completed the required Independent Fee Analysis (IFA) and approved TBE's proposed fee. This project is being funded by Grant #: 36237.66.8.1. Staff recommends approval of the Work Authorization for the design of the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration project in the amount of \$98,994.40.

- K. Approved Change Order Number 2 with W.C. English, Incorporated, in the Amount of \$910,612.73 for the Riverwalk NCDOT EB-5939 Project.

Staff requests Council's approval of change order number 2 with W.C. English, Incorporated, for the Riverwalk NCDOT EB-5939 Project in the amount of \$910,612.73. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) portion of the Riverwalk project will contain an entrance from Old Lenoir Road, parking, and access to the trail system. Included in this project will be an elevated walkway over Lake Hickory that interacts with existing City of Hickory amenities. Lighting on the bridge, retaining walls and all necessary drainage piping are also included in this project. This project was advertised to bid on September 6, 2020 and bids were received on October 8, 2020. WC English was the lowest responsible bidder and awarded the bid in October 2020. Change Order two reflects a change of anticipated lakebed conditions from the plans to actual as found in present state. This change order will encompass the cost differential for the installation of 10 drilled shafts in the lake along with the additional measures required to install the drilled shafts. Equipment rates and idle time are set forth by the specifications of NCDOT Section 109 found in NOI #2. Additionally, this change order will include the removal and remediation of buried debris found when constructing the parking lot and drainage structures for the project found in NOI #3. Staff recommends Council's approval of change order number 2 with W.C. English, Incorporated for the Riverwalk NCDOT EB-5939 Project in the amount of \$910,612.73.

- L. Approved the Sale of City-Owned Property Located off 5th Street NE in the Amount of \$58,000.

The City owns the parcel located off 5th Street NE, PIN 3703-12-96-9305. This 1.18-acre parcel was purchased by the City in 1988 for the development of the northern cross-town thoroughfare which is no longer slated for construction and is landlocked. G&M Rentals own two of the adjacent parcels and offered \$25,000 for the property. The current tax value is \$9,000. Given the fact that it is landlocked, and the original reason for purchasing this lot is no longer viable, selling this lot to G&M Rentals would be beneficial as the City has no plans for future development at this site. The original offer was accepted by City Council at the March 1, 2022, City Council meeting. When staff advertised for upset bids, an interested party bid on the property. The parcel was advertised four times with the price increasing to \$58,000. The most recent period ended on May 9, 2022 with no additional bids received. G&M Rentals was the highest bidder. Staff recommends approval of the offer from G&M Rentals, LLC for the sale of the property located off 5th Street NE, PIN 3703-12-96-9305.

- M. Approved on First Reading Budget Revision Number 21.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-22

BUDGET REVISION NUMBER 21

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the City of Hickory that, pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 159.15 and 159.13.2, the following revision be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and for the duration of the Project Ordinance noted herein.

SECTION 1. To amend the General Fund within the FY 2021-22 Budget Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	116,000	-
Public Safety	4,118,501	-
Economic & Community Development	1,000,000	-
General Government	100,000	-
TOTAL	5,334,501	-

To provide funding for the above, the General Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	4,234,501	-
Other Taxes	1,000,000	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	100,000	-
TOTAL	5,334,501	-

SECTION 2. To amend the Transportation Fund within the FY 2021-22 Budget Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	9,900	-
TOTAL	9,900	-

To provide funding for the above, the Transportation Fund revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	9,900	-
TOTAL	9,900	-

SECTION 3. To amend the American Rescue Plan (#410001) Capital Project Ordinance, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Uses	4,118,501	-
TOTAL	4,118,501	-

To provide funding for the above, the American Rescue Plan (#410001) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental	4,118,501	-
TOTAL	4,118,501	-

SECTION 4. To amend the Trivium Corporate Center Project Enzyme (#B1B003) Capital Project Ordinance the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	232,000	-
TOTAL	232,000	-

To provide funding for the above, the Trivium Corporate Center Project Enzyme (#B1B003) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Other Financing Sources	116,000	-
Restricted Intergovernmental	116,000	-
TOTAL	232,000	-

SECTION 5. To establish the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration (#650032) Capital Project, the expenditures shall be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
General Capital Projects	98,995	-
TOTAL	98,995	-

To provide funding for the above, the Taxiway Intersection Reconfiguration (#650032) revenues will be amended as follows:

FUNCTIONAL AREA	INCREASE	DECREASE
Restricted Intergovernmental	89,095	-
Other Financing Sources	9,900	-
TOTAL	98,995	-

SECTION 6. Copies of the budget revision shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, and to the City Manager (Budget Officer) and the Finance Officer for their direction.

IX. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Item “F” was removed from the Consent Agenda. City Manager Warren Wood advised the City had a number of grant programs that it offers to businesses and residents. The microenterprise grant program was one of those. He requested Council move that item to Departmental Reports to give Staff the opportunity to highlight that particular grant program. He advised action would be required on this particular grant agreement.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver to move Item “F” from the Consent Agenda to Departmental Report. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Informational Item

XI. New Business:

A. Public Hearings

1. Approved the Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation of .887 Acres of Property Located at 1281 27th Street Lane NE, PIN 3723-14-33-7638 – Presentation by Planning Director Brian Frazier.

Tiffany Saephan and Xur Vang have petitioned for the voluntary non-contiguous annexation of 0.887 acres of property located at 1281 27th Street Lane NE. The subject property is currently located within Hickory's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and zoned R-1 Residential. The annexation is being requested to gain access to City services. The current R-1 zoning district permits residential uses at a density of two dwelling units per acre. The subject property is currently vacant; however, the owners intend to construct a single-family residence on the property. The current tax value of the property is \$16,500. If annexed with its present value, the property would generate additional tax revenues of \$103.54. The future residence to be constructed will increase the tax value of the property. Upon analysis, staff has determined the petition meets the statutory requirements for voluntary non-contiguous annexation, and adequate public services are available. Staff finds the petition to be in conformity with applicable statutes and recommends approval of the petition.

This public hearing was advertised in a newspaper having general circulation in the Hickory area on May 6, 2022.

City Manager Warren Wood asked the City's Planning Director Brian Frazier to the podium to present Council with the Voluntary Non-Contiguous Annexation of .887 Acres of Property Located at 1281 27th Street Lane NE.

Planning Director Brian Frazier presented a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed the Saephan/Vang annexation. He reiterated what City Manager Warren Wood indicated, voluntary non-contiguous, located at 1281 27th Street Lane NE, and just under an acre in size, located in Ward 3. It was currently a vacant piece of property, and the future development was for residential. The annexation was being requested to obtain connection to the City sanitary sewer system. He referred to the PowerPoint and pointed out the property in question, the location of Hickory City limits, and the extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). He noted the subject property was located in the ETJ and was already contiguous. He displayed an aerial photo of the property in question and pointed out 21st Street Lane NE, and Spencer Road. He pointed out the subject property and advised it was in the R-1 zoning district. He pointed out the R-2 district to the west. The voluntary annexation petition complied with all applicable annexation statutes for the State of North Carolina. Staff believed adequate public services were available in sufficient quantities to serve the homeowner. The annexation of the subject property would not cause public services availability to fall below acceptable levels. Based on these findings staff respectfully recommended approval of the requested annexation. He asked for any questions from Council.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions. He explained the rules for conducting the public hearing. He declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess closed the public hearing and asked for any further discussion or a motion from Council.

Aldерwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Zagaroli approval of the voluntary non-contiguous annexation of .887 acres. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NO. 474

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION ORDINANCE (NON-CONTIGUOUS)

Tiffany Saephan and Xur Vang

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTES 160A-58.1, AS AMENDED (NON-CONTIGUOUS)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory desires to annex the area described herein, under G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of said annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified to the sufficiency of said request, and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held in the Council Chamber of the Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, located at 76 North Center Street, Hickory, North Carolina, at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th day of May 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory further finds that the area described therein meets the standards of G.S. 160A-58.1(b), to wit:

- a. The nearest point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is not more than three miles from the corporate limits of the City of Hickory.
- b. No point on the proposed satellite corporate limits is closer to another city than to the City of Hickory.
- c. The areas described are so situated that the City will be able to provide services on the same basis within the proposed satellite corporate limits that it provides within the primary corporate limits.
- d. No subdivision, as defined in G.S. 160A-376, will be fragmented by this proposed annexation.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory does hereby find as a fact that said petition has been signed by all the owners of real property in the area who are required by law to sign and all other requirements of G.S. 160A-58.1, as amended have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the annexation is otherwise valid, and that the public health, safety, and welfare of the City of Hickory and of the areas proposed for annexation will be best served by annexing the area herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-58.2, as amended, the following-described non-contiguous territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Hickory as of the 31st day of May 2022:

Satellite Annexation by the City of Hickory
known as the Tiffany Elaine Saephan and Xur Vang Property

That certain parcel or tract of land lying and being about 3.56 miles east northeast of the center of the City of Hickory. Bounded on the north and east by existing City of Hickory city limits as shown in Plat Book 29 at Page 116; on the south by the lands of Souseng Saephan and wife Chou Xiong as described in Deed Book 3522 at Page 1435; on the west by the lands of Jerry Francis and wife Loudella Francis as described in Deed Book 3587 at Page 383 and the lands of David Robert Amos as described in Deed Book 3680 at Page 1241 and more particularly described as follows to wit.

Beginning at a 5/8" rebar, the northeast corner of Souseng Saephan and wife Chou Xiong as described in Deed Book 3522 At Page 1435 in the existing City of Hickory city limits as shown in Plat Book 29 at Page 116 and in the west right-of-way line of the 50' right-of-way of 27th Street Lane NE, having N.C. Grid Coordinates of N 733,541.333 and E 1,323,777.134 and being located North 02 degrees 37 minutes 57 seconds West 184.76 feet from the intersection of 27th Street lane NE and Spencer Rd. NE and running thence, as new City of Hickory city limits lines the following two (2) calls: North 73 degrees 06 minutes 37 seconds West 149. 43 feet to a 5/8" rebar, the northwest corner of Souseng Saephan and wife Chou Xiong as described in Deed Book 3522 at Page 1435 in the east line of Jerry Francis and wife Loudella Francis as described in Deed Book 3587 at Page 383; thence, with the east line of Francis and David Robert Amos as described in Deed Book 3680 at Page 1241, North 10 degrees 35 minutes 58 seconds East 258.79 feet to a 1" pipe (bent) in the east line of Amos and a corner of the existing City of Hickory city limits as shown in Plat Book 29 at Page 116; thence, with the existing city limits the following two (2) calls, South 74 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 148.78 feet to a 1" pipe on the west right-of-way line of 27th Street lane NE; thence, with said right-of-way, South 10 degrees 31 minutes 24 seconds West 261.87 feet to the beginning. Containing 0.887 acres more or less according to a survey by Jacob W. Helton, P.L.S. L-5105 entitled 'A Satellite Annexation by the City of Hickory known as the Tiffany Elaine Saephan and Xur Vang Property'.

Section 2. Upon and after the 31st day of May 2022, the above-described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances, and regulations in force in the City of Hickory and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Hickory. Said

territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G.S. 160A-58.10, as amended.

Section 3. The newly annexed territory described herein shall become part of Ward No. 3 of the City of Hickory.

Section 4. The Mayor of the City of Hickory shall cause to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Catawba County, and in the Office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territory, described in Section 1 hereof, together with duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall also be delivered to the County Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

2. Approved the Preliminary Assessment Roll No. 22-01, for Curb and Gutter Constructed along a Portion of 2510 and 2520 17th Street NE – Presentation by Public Works Director Steve Miller.

The City Clerk received petition number 22-01 from the owners of property along 2510 and 2520 17th Street NE to install curb and gutter along a portion of their street in accordance with Section 29-2 of the Hickory Code of Ordinances. The petition was a single-party petition. City Council adopted a Resolution Directing that Street Improvement Project Be Undertaken. Construction of the curb and gutter was completed on March 25, 2022. Preliminary assessment roll number 22-01 has been prepared based on the curb and gutter constructed along a portion of 2510 and 2520 17th Street NE. The City Clerk, as shown on the Certification, has mailed a copy of the adopted Preliminary Resolution, which called for a public hearing, to all affected property owners. Staff recommends approval of a Resolution confirming the assessment roll.

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City Manager Warren Wood asked the City's Public Works Director Steve Miller to the podium to present Council with preliminary assessment roll number 22-01 for curb and gutter constructed along a portion of 2510 and 2520 17th Street NE.

Public Works Director Steve Miller presented a PowerPoint. He discussed curb and gutter petition, the assessment portion of that for 22-01 located at 2520 17th Street NE. He advised the day the construction began was March 8, 2022. The date the construction completed was March 25, 2022. The total length of the curb and gutter project was 354 feet and the total length of the driveways involved were 31 feet and the total that would be assessed to the property owner would be \$11,863.75. He referred to photos on the PowerPoint of the completed project. He took a moment to brag on the street department and engineering department because they laid that out and did that project and it was a good-looking project. Staff recommended approval of a resolution confirming the assessment roll. He asked for any questions.

Mayor Guess asked for any questions. He explained the rules for conducting the public hearing. He declared the public hearing open and asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposal. No one appeared. Mayor Guess closed the public hearing and asked for any further discussion or a motion from Council.

Alderwoman Patton moved, seconded by Alderman Seaver approval of the preliminary assessment roll number 22-01. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-28

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND LEVYING ASSESSMENT STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON A PORTION OF 2510 AND 2520 17TH STREET NE, HICKORY NO. 22-01

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hickory has on this day held a public hearing, after due notice as required by law, on the Assessment Roll for the street improvements on a portion of 2510 and 2520 17th Street NE, Hickory; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heard all those persons present who requested to be heard and has found the Assessment Roll to be proper and correct.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, THAT:

1. The Assessment Roll for the improvement of a portion of 2510 and 2520 17th Street NE, Hickory, are hereby confirmed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Section 228, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
2. The City Council of the City of Hickory, pursuant to authority conferred by Chapter 160A, Section 216, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and following sections, does hereby levy assessments as contained in the said Assessment Roll.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver to the Collector of Revenue the said Assessment Roll.
4. Assessments may be paid without interest at any time before expiration of 30 days from the date this notice is published.
5. The Collector of Revenue is hereby charged with the collection of the said assessments that are not paid within this time, in accordance with the procedure established by Chapter 160A, Sections 232 and 233 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.
6. The City Clerk is hereby further directed to publish once on the 6th day of June, 2022.

B. Departmental Reports

1. This Item was Moved to Departmental Reports, from the Consent Agenda. Approved a Microenterprise Grant Agreement with Pete Nappier, Owner of Samural Institute in the Amount of \$4,000.

Staff request approval of a microenterprise grant agreement with Pete Nappier of Samurai Institute. In its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, the City of Hickory identified increasing entrepreneurship opportunities as a high priority need. This includes a program to provide microenterprise grants to businesses looking for funding necessary to take their business to the next level. The 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan has \$5,000 allocated towards assistance for entrepreneurial activities with another \$25,000 remaining from previous plan years. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, a microenterprise is a business that has fewer than five employees, one of whom is the owner of the business. The program offers grants of up to \$4,000 for low to moderate income business owners for business property, inventory, necessary fixed assets, marketing and business promotion, or other improvements approved by the Business Development Committee. Applicants are required to submit a business plan and have a counseling session with a local business support organization. Pete Nappier has applied for a Microenterprise Grant to support and enhance his start-up business Samurai Institute. The Samurai Institute is a dojo and martial arts school that offers a variety of classes for all ages but specifically in martial arts training for children and teens. The Business Development Committee reviewed the application and recommended approval of the grant in the amount of \$4,000. The grant funds will be used to purchase new portable mats that will enhance both the current location at Foothills Gymnastics and Mr. Nappier's opportunities to teach in other locations. Staff recommends Council's approval of the Microenterprise Grant agreement with Pete Nappier.

City Manager Warren Wood advised the item for consideration for approval was a Microenterprise Grant with the owner of Samurai Institute in the amount of \$4,000. He asked Business Services Manager Dave Leonetti to the podium to explain the grant program, what was involved, and who was eligible.

Business Services Manager Dave Leonetti spoke briefly about the Microenterprise Grant program. The City had that program for about five-years. It provided grants of up to \$4,000 for low- and moderate-income business owners. That was business owners earning less than 80 percent of the area median income. They had just changed the guidelines a couple of weeks ago. He thought it was roughly about \$50,000 for a family of four and it was then indexed up and down depending on the size of the household. The program allowed for up to \$4,000 and that was for business inventory, marketing, and equipment. Those were the three big things that the grant funds paid for. They had assisted a variety of businesses over the last five years, ranging from a woodworking company to an auto repair facility, to a retail wig shop, to someone who was trying to bring a diffuser product to market, and also some different consulting type businesses, a coaching business, and a human resources consulting business. They had a big variety and one of the other key factors of

the program was they have great partnerships with the Catawba Valley Community College Small Business Center and the Small Business Technology Development Center. All of their recipients go through business counseling with one of those groups and they work on getting business counseling and work on a business plan. All of the funds were paid out in three payments based on additional visits with the Small Business Center. In addition to the funding, they were also helping those business owners get a head start on their business by taking advantage of the resources that they have in the community to support them. He asked for any questions.

Mayor Guess commented that it sounds like a really good program. He asked if they kept track of those people that had participated in their successes and things like that.

Business Services Manager Dave Leonetti replied, yes, somewhat. One of the recipients had closed but the remainder of the businesses were open and a lot of them had quit their full-time job to go into that business full-time.

Alderman Wood asked if somebody assessed viability. He assumed that happened at CVCC through the business coaching.

Business Services Manager Dave Leonetti advised they go through the business coaching process and then the Business Development Committee also reviewed all the applications. Those seven members on that committee look through the business plan.

Alderman Wood asked him to share what this business was proposing.

Business Services Manager Dave Leonetti advised this business was a start-up. Mr. Nappier had been in the martial arts teaching business for a number of years, and he had recently leased a space in the Foothills Gymnastics complex. He was looking to use the funds to purchase lightweight and portable mats that he could put in his van to be able to go to different facilities around the community and hopefully expand beyond just offering services at Foothills Gymnastics.

Mayor Guess asked for any further questions. He thanked Mr. Leonetti.

City Manager Warren Wood commented if they knew of anybody that was interested in that program, they should contact Mr. Leonetti.

Mayor Guess commented they heard the presentation concerning the microenterprise grant, and he advised Council would need to take a vote at this time as to whether or not they wanted to approve that or not. He entertained a motion for Item number “F” that was removed from the consent agenda.

Alderman Seaver moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton, approval of Item “F” (the Microenterprise Grant with Pete Nappier). The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mayor Guess asked for appointments to Boards and Commissions.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Small Cities Project Area Grace McLaurin Resigned 7-12-2021 VACANT

Alderman Wood nominated Yvonne Setzer as Small Cities Project Area Representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints) VACANT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Differently Abled and is African American or Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT
Differently Abled (Council Appoints) Beth Whicker
(Not Eligible for Reappointment)

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 3 (Seaver Appoints)

VACANT
(Beth Schauble Resigned 11-10-2021)

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints)

VACANT

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)
Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) (Lona Hedrick Resigned 1-11-2022)

VACANT

YOUTH COUNCIL

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Fred T. Foard VACANT
Homeschool VACANT

Alderman Wood moved, seconded by Alderwoman Patton approval of the above nomination. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Presentation of Petitions and Requests

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

Mayor Guess thought the news was out, and they could expand upon it, because he had not had time to read the entire article, but he saw where the US News Report ranked Hickory as the 31st top places to live. He thought there were some other accolades that went along with that. He had not read the entire article, but he knew that Hickory was 31st and moved up from 50 something.

City Manager Warren Wood commented it moved up 20 some odd spots. Hickory was also the least expensive metro to live in in the country.

Mayor Guess commented that was quite impressive.

City Manager Warren Wood added, and the third best place to live in the State of North Carolina, which also moved up from the previous position. There was a press release. He advised that Hickory Daily Record Reporter Mr. Griffin was not present. He advised there was a press release and that outlined all of that.

Mayor Guess did not want to pat themselves on the back, but that was quite impressive and was worthy, not only of the job that the City staff does each and every day, but the job that City residents do each and every day, and the companies, and the industries, that was a team effort, not just from the City of Hickory folks but from the surrounding municipalities and counties. It was about those relationships. He thought that it was really good news and quite impressive and he was really proud of that news that they got.

Alderwoman Patton thought if they looked back to their retreat last week and saw all the things that Hickory was doing in the surrounding areas that certainly dovetails into why they were a great place to live.

Mayor Guess knew that members of Council hear and perhaps some of the folks in the audience hear it as well, but when he talked to people that have moved here, they do their research, and they check us out and they compare us to other locations. He hears from people quite frequently nowadays that they chose, they could live anywhere they want to, and they were choosing to live in Hickory and Catawba County because of the quality of life and the amenities and the jobs and everything that they have going on here. He thought everyone contributed to that and everyone was on the team, and he appreciated that.

Alderman Seaver added to that the medical people they have in this City; they were top notch. He had announced at the last City Council meeting, that he was going to have bypass surgery. It happened, and he was still here. He did not miss a meeting. He missed the retreat though. He tried to get there as fast as he could, but they had already left.

Mayor Guess added to that, Dr. Star was the Doctor that operated on Alderman Seaver. He was a graduate of St. Stephen's High School. He was working at Duke University, one of the top

doctors there, he taught other doctors, and he chose to come back to his hometown and work here in Hickory because he wanted to be back in his hometown. That was the kind of things that that they were able to attract and those are the types of people that were moving here. He loved hearing those types of stories.

Alderman Williams commented since they were speaking on medical, he had recently had a couple of eye surgeries and he spoke about Dr. Williams over at Graystone. Graystone had excellent doctors and Dr. Williams was a great citizen of the community. He also thanked everybody that had sent a get-well card to him and checked on him. He thanked City staff, Council members, and Mayor Guess. He thanked everybody for keeping him in their prayers and checking on him. He had told Mayor Guess he was worried about Alderman Seaver. He gave sincere thanks from himself and his family to everybody checking up on them.

Mayor Guess commented they truly have a great community.

City Manager Warren Wood commented it was great to have both of them back in one piece.

Mayor Guess commented for the record Alderwoman Williams was visiting her grandkids. That was why she was not present tonight. She had an opportunity to go visit the grandkids and that was where she was at tonight.

City Manager Warren Wood advised Council at their places they would have the recommended budget for FY 22-23. They just called for the public hearing at their next meeting. They would do a presentation about what was in the budget, at their next meeting and then they would have the public hearing on the budget.

Mayor Guess was looking forward to that.

City Manager Warren Wood advised they could find it online as well as at the library.

Mayor Guess asked if it was on the City website.

City Manager Warren Wood replied yes.

- XIV. Closed Session Per NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1)(5) to consult with the attorneys regarding the following: (Action on these items, if any, will occur in Open Session)

Mayor Guess moved that Council go into closed session to consult with the attorneys to discuss the items below, seconded by Alderwoman Patton. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of April 19, 2022 - NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1)
2. Discussion of Potential Property Acquisition – NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3).

Council convened to closed session at approximately 7:32 p.m.

Council reconvened to open session at approximately 8:02 p.m.

No action was taken upon return to open session.

- XV. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk